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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Experimental Tariff Covering a New Residential Energy Program under Save-a-Watt, the Appliance Recycle Program
Docket No. 2012-156-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the filing in the above-referenced docket and has no objection to the Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Company") for approval to establish the Appliance Recycle Program ("Program").

The Program is a new energy efficiency program designed to remove older inefficient refrigerators and freezers from homes served by the Company. The Program will provide to customers a free pickup service for the disposal of recyclable and operable refrigerators and freezers. Additionally, the Company is offering customers up to \$50 per appliance that is recycled through the Program, with a limit of two appliances per household per year. This Program is similar to the Appliance Recycling Program offered by Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., which was implemented in March 2010.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

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